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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM CHAMOUN

CAMILLE CHAMOUN'S OFFICE TELEPHONED EMBASSY JULY 1 TO TRANSMIT ORALLY FOLLOWING "DIPLOMATIC NOTE" THAT CHJEOUN WISHED CONVEY IN HIS CAPACITY AS "FOREIGN MINISTER." EMBASSY TOOK MESSAGE WITHOUT COMMENT. THIS IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM THE ORIGINAL FRENCH.

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO LEBANON AND HAS THE HONOR TO EXPLAIN BELOW THE POSITION OF LEBANON CONCERNING CURRENT PROBLEMS:

1. CONCERNING THE ALLEGED PLOT THAT CERTAIN LEBANESE AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES ARE ACCUSED OF IMPLEMENTING AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, IT WOULD BE MORE EXACT TO SUSPECT THE EXISTENCE OF A PLOT AGAINST LEBANON, AS AMPLY PROVED BY THE EVENTS OF WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN THE VICTIM FOR 16 MONTHS AND THE TRAGIC SITUATION WHICH FINDS THE COUNTRY SUBDUED NOTABLY BY PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY EXTREMIST GOVERNMENTS.

2. LEBANON IS CLEARLY ANXIOUS MORE THAN ANYONE TO SEE A COMPLETE AND DEFINITIVE CEASE-FIRE ON ITS TERRITORY, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CEASE-FIRE IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLICATION OF THE ACCORDS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE LEBANESE

STATE AND THE PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTS ENERGETICALLY AGAINST THE QUALITY THAT THE PLO ARROGATES TO ITSELF IN ASKING FOR THE RETREAT OF SYRIAN TROOPS FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY. SUCH A QUESTION IS IN THE EXCLUSIVE AND SOVEREIGN COMPETENCE OF THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. THE PRESENCE OF THESE TROOPS IS BASED ON THE "CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT" THAT THE LEBANESE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1976 FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN THE LEBANESE AND SYRIAN CHIEFS OF STATE.

4. LEBANON PROTESTS ALSO AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF THE WESTERN QUARTERS OF THE LEBANESE CAPITAL BY PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS (FATAH AND OTHERS), THEIR SEIZURE OF VITAL NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE SERVICES OF PTT, THE RADIO, AND THE BANKS AND THE TERROR THAT THEY EXERCISE ON LEBANESE POLITICAL PERSONALITIES AND ON ALL MEANS OF INFORMATION. A CEASE-FIRE WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE IF IT DID NOT PUT AN END TO THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

5. LEBANON HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE PRESENCE ON ITS TERRITORY OF "ARAB PEACE FORCES" ON CONDITION THAT THEIR NEUTRALITY IN THE CONFLICT BE GUARANTEED AND ASSURED AND THAT THE SYRIAN TROOPS BE PART OF THE FORCE.

6. LEBANON MAKES THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST AGAINST THE DECLARATIONS OF THE LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER MR. ABDEL SALAM JALLOD, WHO DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BEIRUT ON JUNE 29, 1976 OVERTLY PUT HIS GOVERNMENT ON THE SIDE OF THE PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING AGAINST THE LEBANESE, WHICH CONSTITUTES A THREAT ALL THE MORE GRAVE SINCE 500 LIBYAN SOLDIERS ARE ALREADY A PART OF THE ARAB PEACE FORCES STATIONED IN LEBANON. THE MINISTRY HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THIS AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE AND THIS THREAT, AND IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO USE ALL INTERNATIONAL MEANS TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THIS NEW AGGRESSION. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RENEW TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO LEBANON THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.  
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